

GIVEN OPPORTUNITY

Ant-Saloon League Asks Candidates a Question.

CHANCE TO GO ON RECORD

President of Organization Says It Will Support No Specific Aspirant For Office, But Wants to Know How Each Stands on Mann Law.

(Special to the Daily Press.)
BLACKSTONE, VA., March 17.—Rev. James Cannon, Jr., president of the Virginia State Anti-Saloon League, has sent an open letter to Hons. C. A. Swanson, Joseph E. Willard and William Hedges Mann, candidates for the gubernatorial nomination of the Democratic party, and to Hons. J. Taylor Ellyson, C. T. Bland, J. R. Caton and J. A. Cabell, candidates for lieutenant governor on the same ticket. The letter is signed by Rev. Mr. Cannon as president, and by the members of the executive committee, including Rev. E. T. Wellford, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Newport News, and Rev. W. B. Beauchamp, pastor of Trinity M. E. church, Newport News. The letter follows:

"Dear Sir:
"The Anti-Saloon League of Virginia is a union of moral forces of the State. It is not in any sense a political organization, nor does it concern itself in any way with purely personal or party politics. Its great aim is to secure the passage and enforcement of such laws concerning the liquor traffic as will best promote both the moral and material interests of the people of Virginia. It has not thought it best to ask or to work for a State-wide prohibitory law, applying to every section of the State without any regard for varying conditions or public sentiment, but it has asked in the past, and now asks, for such legislation as it believes to be demanded by a public sentiment sufficiently strong to secure its enforcement. In 1903 it worked for the passage of the 'Mann Law,' by means of which the saloon has virtually been banished from the country districts of Virginia. It now desires the passage of such additional legislation as will make the 'Mann Bill' more effective in its operations and as will secure as certain and speedy conviction of violators of the liquor law as of other laws and as will require saloons to operate under such regulations as will reduce the evils arising from the liquor traffic to a minimum.

Will Not Endorse Candidate.
"While the League does not propose as an organization to endorse any party or any particular candidate under any circumstances, and while no party and no candidate at any time can claim to be the party or the candidate of the League, yet, in order that the members of the League may vote more intelligently, it desires to know the views of all candidates for public office of whatever political party, upon the questions in which the League is specifically interested. The undersigned, therefore, the president and the executive committee of the Virginia State Anti-Saloon League, acting herein under its authority and by its instructions, respectfully request that you inform us as soon as possible as to your position on the following question:

"If elected to the position for which you offer, would you favor the maintenance of the 'Mann Bill'?"
An early reply to the above question will be greatly appreciated by,
"Yours sincerely,
"JAMES CANNON, JR.,
"President of Virginia State Anti-Saloon League."

Ajax Has a Chinese Crew.
(Special to the Daily Press.)
NORFOLK, VA., March 17.—The United States collier Ajax, Captain Hutchinson, has just arrived at the Norfolk navy yard from the Asiatic station after a service in the Orient of two years. She has a complete Chinese crew with the exception of her engineering officers and is the first vessel of the American navy ever to arrive at this navy yard with a crew of Mongolians.

Slashed His Throat With Razor.
(Special to the Daily Press.)
PETERSBURG, VA., March 17.—Robert L. Nobles, a young barber, while in a nervous and excitable condition from the effects of drink, drew a razor across his throat last night in his home in Halifax street. A wound several inches in length was inflicted, but it was not deep enough to prove dangerous.

Threw Baby in the Well.
(Special to the Daily Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., March 17.—Frances Smith, charged with the murder of an infant at Ashland, was turned over to the authorities of that town yesterday and was taken back there for trial. The woman is charged with

throwing the infant into a well on the property of Mrs. C. B. Gwaltney.

Sales in Print Cloth Market.
(By Associated Press.)
FALL RIVER, MASS., March 17.—Sales in the print cloth market for the week are estimated at about 125,000 pieces. Bidding for goods has been less active during the week and buyers have been showing but little interest compared with the brisk trading of the previous two weeks.

John W. Gates Doesn't Know.
BIRMINGHAM, TENN., March 17.—John W. Gates, when asked today concerning the statement that he was interested with the Cadahy's in a project to construct a pipe line from the Kansas oil field to Port Arthur, Tex., said that he had heard nothing of such a move. Mr. Gates is at Port Arthur, where he will remain about a week, going to New York at the expiration of that time. He has fully recovered from his indisposition.

Call for National Bank Statements.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—The comptroller of the currency has issued a call for a statement of condition of National banks at the close of business on Tuesday March 14.

FRENCH AND CASTRO

Uncle Sam Officially Notified of High-Handed Action.

IS EXHAUSTING PATIENCE

Government of France Suggests That Venezuelan Executive is Rapidly Driving Foreigners to the Limits of Diplomatic Procedure.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—France has officially informed the United States of the action of the Venezuelan government against the French Cable Company, which she regards as high handed and unwarranted. While insisting that diplomatic means will be exhausted in the effort to relieve the situation, it is declared that President Castro is rapidly exhausting French patience and thereby forcing France toward the limit of diplomacy.

France has invited the attention of the American government to the Venezuelan situation because of its interests in Pan-American affairs and in order that it may ascertain the probable course of action which this government will take against Venezuela.

Along Parallel Lines.
It is the wish of the French government to act along parallel lines as far as practicable.

These developments in the Venezuelan situation today are regarded as the preliminary step toward the relief of a situation in Caracas which Europe, as well as the United States has for some time regarded with dissatisfaction.

It is pointed out that it is the wish of the French government to settle as quietly as possible its differences with Venezuela and in case a French ultimatum is followed by no relief in the situation France will have well nigh reached the limit of diplomacy.

In view of the unfavorable conditions in Venezuela at this moment the French cruisers Dupuy and Quirien de la Graviere, which are now in the Caribbean sea will be retained in that vicinity indefinitely.

Uncle Sam is Alert.
Although the greater part of the North Atlantic fleet is seen to come north as far as Pensacola for target practice, an adequate contingent will remain in Dominican waters to guard American interests there and in case of an emergency in Venezuela the fleet at Pensacola will be in easy cruising distance. It is possible that the French cruisers may touch at Pensacola during the stay there of the American fleet to obtain supplies or merely to pay a friendly visit.

New York Defeats Montgomery.
(By Associated Press.)
MONTGOMERY, ALA., March 17.—The Montgomery Southern League team was defeated today by Clark Griffith's New York Americans, 4 to 2. The batteries were: New York—Orth, Clarkson and Duff; Montgomery—Gardner, Gilbert and Bracken.

Slemp Thinks It Will Be Lewis.
(Special to the Daily Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., March 17.—Bacon Slemp, chairman of the Republican State committee, is of the opinion that Judge L. L. Lewis will be unable to resist the pressure brought against him in the matter of his future candidacy for governor of the State on the Republican ticket.

Giants Defeat Birmingham.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., March 17.—The New York National League team today defeated Birmingham, in the first exhibition game, 12 to 5. Batteries: Matthewson, Wiltse, Bowerman and Bresnahan; Reagan, Salee, Dessau and Matthews. Attendance, 2,000.

Handsome dinner sets, 42 pieces, offered for only \$5.87, at LASH'S, 2-7-11.

DIED DENYING CRIME

Linkous Went to His Death Proclaiming Innocence.

WAS THE MAN A HYPOCRITE?

Made Fervent Speech From the Scaffold Calling Upon His Hearers to Meet Him in Heaven and Blessing Officers Individually.

(Special to the Daily Press.)
EAST RADFORD, VA., James Linkous, who was convicted Jan. 12 of the murder of his wife and child on Christmas day, met death on the gallows at 7:38 o'clock.

His nerve was wonderful, and he protested his innocence to the end, never varying from his former statement or showing the slightest sign of fear. His pastor, the Rev. Mr. Fox, of the Southern Lutheran church; the Rev. S. L. Jackson, of the Christian church, and a number of friends spent the night with him in prayer and the singing of hymns, in both of which Linkous earnestly joined.

Spoke in Fear of God.
During the night he gave out the following statement to the ministers: "I honestly did not kill my wife or child. I speak in the fear of God. I know nothing of how the fire commenced nor the cause of it."

Linkous took no breakfast, except a cup of coffee. He told the ministers that the flesh was weak, but that the spirit was strong enough to carry his flesh to the scaffold.

Linkous had been sick for several weeks, and was physically weak, but he showed no trace of nervousness or fear.

He was accompanied to the scaffold by the two ministers, Officers Dues and Roop, Sergeant McNeal and Sheriff Carper, of Pulaski, and by four physicians—Drs. Wilson, Farmer, T. H. Johnson and Dr. Chaffin, of Pulaski.

Made Fervent Speech.
The twelve jurors whose attendance is allowed by law, and about fifty other citizens were grouped about the scaffold. Linkous came forward and in a fervent speech protested his innocence, lifting his hands to Heaven and calling God to witness that he spoke the truth, and nothing but the truth.

He said he knew nothing about the origin of the fire or the murder of his wife and child; that they were about to take the life of an innocent man, but that he forgave them. Linkous said he was going to meet his God, to be with "sweet Jesus," and that he was ready and willing to go.

Strong in His Faith.
He called on his hearers to meet him in Heaven, and blessed the officers individually, saying they had been kind to him, and bade the ministers goodbye. He called the crowd to witness his nerve, as a sustaining evidence of the power of his religion.

Then he helped the officers to adjust their handcuffs and make the last grim preparations. The drop fell at 7:38 and 14 1/2 minutes later Linkous was pronounced dead by the physicians in attendance. His neck was broken. A fairly large crowd assembled in front of the jail, but it was quiet and solemn. Every detail of the hanging was well managed.

Saw Mrs. Butterworth.
During last night Linkous expressed a wish to see Texas Shuler Butterworth, the woman who had lived in the same house with him and who was one of the chief witnesses against the accused.

She was accordingly brought from New River, where she is now living, about midnight. She sat on his bed in the iron cage and Linkous put many questions to her, but none that showed her complicity in the crime or tended to clear the prisoner.

He said he gave her whiskey and presents the evening before the tragedy. She admitted he had been kind to her, and he said he was paying the penalty of that kindness with his life. It is thought by many that the attention of Linkous to Mrs. Butterworth furnished the motive of the crime.

Both Mr. Fox and Mr. Jackson say that Linkous is either perfectly innocent or a complete hypocrite and fiend.

IN SELF-DEFENSE.

Negro Hanged Says He Was Not Given a Square Deal.
(Special to the Daily Press.)
COVINGTON, VA., March 17.—Robert Lee Bowles (colored) was hanged in the jailyard this morning for the murder of John A. Ruff, a Chesapeake & Ohio fireman, at Clifton Forge, March 21, 1904. The drop fell at 6:37 a. m., and Bowles was pronounced dead at 7:07.

The condemned man calmly ascended the scaffold and requested the hangman not to delay the hanging by reading the death warrant.

A few minutes before the noose was adjusted a hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was sung by Bowles and the

negro ministers, after which all recited the Lord's Prayer.

Bowles' last request was that his clothes be given to his mother. He thanked the jail officers for their kindness, and expressed the hope they would meet him in Heaven.

In a nine-page statement to the public, prepared within the last few days, Bowles confessed that he killed Ruff, but said that it was done in self-defense, declaring that on the verge of eternity he feels that he was justified and that he is the victim of the law's injustice.

Ruff was a native of Rockbridge county, and attended the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Bowles was given two trials, Judge George K. Anderson presiding in each instance.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

Summers, DeGraw and Evans Passed Upon by the Senate.
(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—The Senate today confirmed the following nominations: Louis P. Summers to be collector of internal revenue for the Sixth district of Virginia.

Peter V. DeGraw, of the District of Columbia, to be fourth assistant postmaster general.

Albert A. Evans, to be postmaster at Mount Jackson, Va.

OLD WILLIAMSBURG

Brick Hotel to be Remodeled by New Proprietor.

ALSO TO BE GIVEN NEW NAME

William and Mary Baseball Squad Begins Practice, Preparatory to Organization of Regular Team for Season's Play—Political Activity.

(Special to the Daily Press.)
WILLIAMSBURG, VA., March 17.—Mr. A. W. Jennings, who recently purchased the "Brick hotel" of Mr. E. J. Potts, says that the work of thoroughly overhauling and remodeling the building will begin next Monday morning. The building will be papered throughout and newly furnished.

The basement for the present will be used as a dining room until a new one can be built. The proprietor proposes building a three-story wing, 48 feet long, part of the old building and facing Duke of Gloucester street, porches will be erected in the "L" thus formed, as well as on the west side of the larger building.

The name of the new hostelry will be Hotel Williamsburg.

College Baseball Team.
The baseball squad at William and Mary College are practicing preparatory to forming their regular team. Some splendid material has been developed.

Montague and Swanson Club.
It is probable that a Montague and Swanson club will be organized here shortly. Both these gentlemen have a large following here, and their supporters are very enthusiastic.

No candidates for county or town offices have announced themselves yet, but it is said City Sergeant R. C. Lawson will have opposition in the person of Mr. Eugene Morris. Sergeant Lawson has made a good officer and his opponent will have to put up a stiff fight to beat him.

Personal Mention.

Mr. C. G. Shaw, who was employed at the Gazette office several years ago, has accepted his old position and will leave Warm Springs for this place the first of April.

Judge D. G. Tyler was in Warwick this week, holding his regular term of court.

Miss Clara Hirschberg, of Newport News, and Mrs. Kant Lurch, of Philadelphia, spent yesterday here with the latter's sister, Mrs. E. M. Brooks.

Six New Dwellings.

Six very commodious dwellings will be erected here this spring, two by Mr. H. D. Cole, on Duke of Gloucester street; two by Mr. T. A. Geddy, and one by Mr. John Leath, in the West End, and one on Francis street by Mr. L. Henley. The demand for houses is far beyond the supply and residences are always rented before completed.

Little Girl's Eye Injured.

While playing Thursday afternoon, Rebecca, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh S. Bird, was severely cut in the eye with a piece of broken saucer in the hands of her little brother, Hugh. It is feared the eyesight is permanently injured. She was taken to Richmond this morning to be examined by a specialist.

A Cough will be quickly relieved by Piso's Cure for Consumption. 25c.

California, \$48.25, via Southern Railway.

Southern Railway will sell daily until May 15th, one-way colonist tickets at \$48.25 via their through route. Only one change necessary to the Pacific coast. Personally conducted excursion sleepers three times a week, berth rate in same \$8.50. For further information call 112 either phone, or address W. W. CROXTON, Pass. Agt., No. 95 Granby street, Norfolk, Va. in-w-fr-11

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WANTED—INSTALLMENT COLLECTOR for merchandise accounts. Good salary and expenses. Address GLOBE COMPANY, 723 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa. 3-18-11

WANTED—ROOM AND BOARD in North End, above Forty-eighth street. X Y Z, care Press. 3-18-11

WANTED—EVERY PERSON HOLDING keys to our money box will please bring them in between March 7th and 21st, 1905. Whoever unlocks the padlock will be entitled to all the money in the box, but cannot get it until Tuesday, March 21st. Respectfully, J. W. MESIC, P. S.—Hope everyone, when coming to try their keys will favor me with a good order. 3-7-11

FOR RENT.

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FOR SALE—TWO HOUSES AND lots, Nos. 127 and 129 Thirty-first street; also from one to thirty acres of nice farm land. Apply to A. L. PARKER. 3-14-11

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FOR EXCHANGE—NEW BRICK store for house and lot. P. O. box 677, Newport News, Va. 1-1-11

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J. H. CAFFEY & SON, 33rd St. and Huntington Ave. Both phones No. 1; Residence, Bell phone 41.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A NECKLACE OF GOLD beads. Finder will be rewarded if he will leave same at 205 Twenty-sixth street, with J. L. MARYE. 3-16-11.

LOST—DIAMOND RING, WITH five small stones. Liberal reward if left at Daily Press office. 3-16-11

STRAYED—DARK BAY HORSE; came to my premises Wednesday, March 15. Owner can recover animal by identifying same and paying for this advertisement. Apply L. H. BARTHOLOMEW, Boulevard. 3-16-11.

AUCTION SALE.

AUCTION—ONE LOT OF CLOTHING and one lot of groceries and canned goods will be sold at auction Saturday night, March 18th, at 5 p. m., at Satsky's old stand, 2302 and 2304 Madison avenue. Hunter Boyd Gold, Attorney. 3-16-11

COAL AND WOOD.

MUNDY & CONARD, ANTHRACITE, red ash and splint coal, oak and pine wood. Citizens' phone, 123; Bell phone, 125. 1-8-11

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2 pkg. American Oats	15c	
2 pkg. Hawkey Oats	15c	
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2 cans Challenge Milk	25c	
2 cans Tomatoes	25c	
1 pkg. Raisins	30c	

R. L. PHELPS,
3000 Washington Avenue.

AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY, Mar. 18
Matinee and Eve.
THOMAS JEFFERSON in "RIP VAN WINKLE."
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